



OH, DAY OF JOY!

Thy kingdom come, thus day by day  
We lift our hands to God and pray;  
But who has ever duly weighed  
The meaning of the words he said?

Thy kingdom come, oh, day of joy!  
When praise shall every tongue employ;  
When hate and strife and war shall cease,  
And man with man shall be at peace.

Jesus shall reign on Zion's hill  
And all the earth with glory fill;  
His Word shall paradise restore,  
And sin and death afflict no more.

—E. H. Sumner, Omega, Ga.

THE GROUND OF



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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Notice to pastors and Churches of God in West Virginia:

The matter of the purchase of a site for camp grounds, upon which a tabernacle for camp meetings and state conventions is to be erected, was discussed in our ministers' meeting held at Beckley, April 3-5. A committee has been appointed to look after this business who will report their progress to the State Convention. It has been suggested by some that cabins may be erected by persons desiring to do so, also that small homes might be built later for the purpose of caring for disabled and retiring ministers. Others have mentioned a cemetery where our Church of God people could be buried (without paying exorbitant prices as charged by many city cemeteries), who may chance to care to be buried in a Church of God family graveyard. All these ideas I think are especially good and well suggested for the best interest of our people. This will necessitate the purchase of several acres of land.

#### ASSESSMENT

The ministers present voted an assessment of \$2.00 for each minister who is now serving as pastor of any church within the state, and that he raise an amount equal to 25c per member for each member of his congregation, also that full time evangelists be assessed \$25.00 to be applied on this fund. Ministers and exhorters who are not giving full time to the gospel are also assessed \$2.00. All the above assessments are to be paid before July 1st.

Some of the churches and ministers have and are already paying their assessment. The result is we already have a nice piece of cash on hand. Our people generally seem to be greatly enthused with the prospects of this proposition. Our district conventions have made nice cash offerings and subscribed liberally in pledges. We expect to continue our efforts in these conventions to raise funds for the above mentioned purpose.

#### AN APPEAL

We make special appeal to pastors who are serving local churches that you raise as early as possible an amount equal to 25c per member and mail to E. C. Clark, 148 Thorn St., Clarksburg, W. Va. (unanimously elected treasurer of state camp ground funds by ministers' meeting) along with your assessment of \$2.00. Also ministers who are not serving as evangelists or exhorters, please send in your assessments as easily as possible. We must work while it is

called day. The time is ripe for us to build and spread out our wings for the protection and blessings of the Church of God and people of West Virginia.

#### CO-OPERATION

We shall expect co-operation from every district and local pastor concerning the above. We do not think it unfair to insist that you co-operate with us concerning this worthy cause. And please remember that if you refuse, when it comes time to co-operate with you concerning the appointments for another year, we shall reserve the right to use our best judgment in selecting men who are interested in not only their local churches but the cause of Christ in general. If we will all pull together we can be a blessing to our people. Those who do not care to pull forward, we shall try to prevent them pulling backward. We love you and want to help you, and we ask at the same time that you share with us your love and efforts to help us push back our enemies of the cross of Christ, and make ourselves more permanently and comfortably situated in the great state of West Virginia.

#### MISSIONS

We wish also to call your attention to the fact that the ministers went on record at ministers' meeting in unanimous protest against the appointment for pastoral work for another year ministers who have refused or do not raise their quota for missions as outlined by the General Assembly. Please remember that an amount equal to five per cent of the tithes paid into the treasury of the local church is to be raised in offerings from your local church and divided equally between E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary, Cleveland, Tenn., to be used as foreign mission support, and the other 50 per cent to be sent to A. T. Little, Salem, West Virginia, State Treasurer. In the event no tithes are paid by the local church, then an offering is to be taken monthly and divided as above.

#### TENTS

We plan to purchase not less than four tents for district work this year. We also plan to purchase a tent for each district as early as possible. We have been greatly hindered from the lack of such equipment, therefore, we urge compliance with the rules and regulations concerning raising mission money, as at least part of it will be used to purchase these state and district tents.

The date for our State Convention has been set for July 23-26. The place will be announced later.

Our district conventions have been deeply spiritual. Our ministers are generally working and we feel sure we will have a favorable report at the end of the year. Please bear in mind that we are ready to co-operate with you if we can

be of any help or service to you. Those desiring to communicate with us address E. C. Clark, 148 Thorn St., Clarksburg, West Virginia.

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The Wyoming state convention convenes in Sheridan, Wyoming, May 23-24, beginning at 2:30 p. m., the 23rd.—Paul H. Walker, state overseer.

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The Mobeetie district convention will convene May 29-31 at Mobeetie, Texas. Everybody invited. Come expecting a good time in the Lord.—Lester Beasley, district pastor.

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Our district convention will convene at Carrollton, Ga., beginning Friday night, June 12, and continuing over Sunday, the 14th. We especially invite all pastors on the district to be with us with good reports. Let's pray and especially invite the good Holy Ghost. We are expecting some good things from the Lord. Our dear overseer, Brother J. P. Hughes, will be in charge. We will also dedicate the church. We invite other districts to co-operate with us. Come, let us have a good time with the Lord. Don't forget to bring a well-filled basket Sunday.—J. F. Brown, district pastor, Carrollton, Ga.

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The Southeast Louisiana district Sunday School convention convenes at Sharps Chapel the fifth Sunday in May, from 10:00 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. All superintendents come bring a good delegation and have a short program prepared. We will have several addresses on Sunday School and a report of your Sunday School from last Assembly to the present time, giving general average of that time. Everybody bring dinner and enjoy the day.—Yours for better Sunday Schools, J. B. Cole, state superintendent.

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The Odum and Piney Grove districts convention will convene at Odum, Ga., Church of God, May 29-31, beginning at 10 o'clock, May 29, Friday. We are expecting a good time in the Lord. Every one expected. All our brothers and sisters are invited to come be with us. We will have dinner on the ground, D. V. You folks on the district bring a big basket of good eats.—J. W. Murray, district overseer, Jesup, Ga.

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Sister Clara Hagwood is no longer clerk of the Church of God at Roanoke Rapids, N. C. E. E. Hurst took her place. His address is 919 Cedar St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

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After having spent twenty-five years in the ministry, I have lately come into the Church of God and received evangelist certificate from Headquarters. I am in a revival in The Church of God

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# "The Power That Worketh in Us"

By M. L. LOWE

**TEXT:** "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," Eph. 3:20.

In the fourth chapter of Ephesians we find Paul writing concerning the walk of the believer. The first admonition is to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. I believe if we do, we will be just about perfect, as we are to say we are unprofitable servants even after we have done our best.

The second verse says, "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." Church of God, I think we certainly need to practice being lowly, as there is too much headiness and high-mindedness to-day.

"Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." If you want God to bless you and exalt you, keep humble before Him. On the other hand, if you want a real fall, just let the devil get you puffed up, making you think you are somebody, or that no one else can do the things God desires but you, or not quite so well, even if they can do it.

In verse 17 we are warned against the vanity of our mind, and it (our mind) surely is vain unless we get the mind of the Spirit and follow where He leadeth. Man may glory in his achievements. For instance, man glories in the steam shovel that can move one-half ton of dirt at one time, but God can send the earthquake and move the universe. Man can sweep the skies with a telescope, but God hangeth the earth on nothing and places the planets in the hands of space. Man may be an eloquent orator, but if he accomplishes anything as a minister of the gospel, it is because of "THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US." So then it is God who is worthy of honor, my brother, and not you. If you have achieved anything through the power of God, then stay humble and give God the glory. What have any of us to boast about? Let us not be guilty of walking in the vanity of our mind.

## THE WALK OF THE BELIEVER

As a new man in Jesus Christ our lives should be so transformed by the power of God that our daily walk and conduct in life should be manifestly changed.

What a horrible thing it is for a man to profess to be a Christian and live as a child of the devil. My friend, people are not just reading the gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, but they are reading it *according to you*.

We heard of Dan McNally's experience that after he was released from prison (where he had been converted) and being desirous of Christian fellowship, he contacted a certain preacher who lived such a loose life that he almost stumbled to destruction. What a sad picture, but there are thousands to-day who are failing to get converted because of a lack on our part to let God's power actuate our every move.

Brethren, I'm of the opinion that the best way to be a soul winner is to live conviction on others and if you do make a mistake that causes others to misunderstand or doubt your experience, the only way in the world you can do the proper thing is to let God's power work and it will not be long till you will make an explanation or restitution or both, if necessary, and by so doing, you will in time be able to win said friend for the kingdom of God.

A boy who was saved in Chicago testified after his conversion of what God had saved him from, and stated that he wanted to be as loyal in service to God as he had for the devil. He got a job in a lumber camp in Kentucky and began to live the life (and to be persecuted). More than once he had to turn the other cheek, more than once he had to stand the jeering of a band of ungodly men, but God was with him as much as with Daniel. Then something happened. One of the worst men in the camp got news of his little girl dying in a city far away. He came to this young man for consolation and comfort. Little by little the broken-hearted father was won for Christ and a great revival broke out. Brother, can you not see the effects of the power of God that was working in this boy and the contrast between this humble servant of God and the afore mentioned preacher who walked in the vanity of his mind? Let us remember that Jesus is just the same to-day and will help us to live a consistent life that will cause people to have confidence in us, for we will not be able to be a blessing to any other than those who believe we are Christians in deed and not merely in profession.

The 18th verse of Eph. 4 speaks of a certain people being "alienated from the life of God" (spiritually dead). It takes a miracle of regeneration to resurrect us, but thank God He is able. We speak from an experimental standpoint. There are two reasons given for this condition just referred to. First, the ignorance which is in them, and second, the blind-

ness of their hearts. Paul is writing to Ephesus which was not far from Athens, the seat of culture and learning in art, science, and literature, (yet ignorant). It is sad but we have the same thing to-day. Men who have a capacity for usefulness are wasting their lives (some are in pulpits) because they are trying to understand the things of the Infinite with the wisdom of this world. Many an unsaved man has tried and is still trying to understand God and His plan without the aid of the Spirit of God or the miracle of regeneration. My friend, this is impossible. The Word of God came not by the will of man but by the inspiration of God. 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21.

And to you my unsaved friend, who desires to know God, you can not find Him unless you come to Him by faith, which means that you must take God at His Word. Has He not said, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness?" John 1:9.

## CONCLUSION

In Eph. 4:19 we find, "Who being past feeling have given themselves over to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." Oh, to what depths sin will take people who turn their backs on God! Singing, praying, and preaching does not touch millions of hearts to-day. Friend, if you are unsaved or out of line with the will of God, you had better listen to the warning of the Holy Ghost and your conscience or you will be included in the number who are branded "past feeling." Thousands of people who once had a good experience with God are spiritual wrecks today because their conscience became defiled when they were too stubborn to admit their sins, and other shortcomings. On the other hand thousands of souls are crying in hell because they have been too stubborn and proud to obey their better judgment and yield to God.

It is commonly known that statistics show that 80 per cent of the Christians are "born again" before they reach the age of nineteen. Moody once made a test in one of his revivals where there were hundreds of Christians, by asking as many as were converted when they were more than sixty-five years old to stand and only three stood up. Do you not see how important it is for you to stop NOW while God is speaking to your heart and make peace with Him before you, too, cross the dead-line and get to

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"What of Isa. 63:1-6 in the light of all this? Is this the setting of an Armageddon of the future? Rev. 19:13, 15 seems as though it might fit into this picture. At least here is food for "prayerful thinking."

The Arab and the Moslem world is not only anti-Semitic but is out and out Antichrist.—*Prophecy.*

### NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Showing how the way is being prepared for the final Roman Empire, Dr. D. M. Panton mentions the following interesting facts: "The Roman Emperor, at the end, it is foretold (Dan. 7:25), will think to *change time*. Thirteen years ago Signor Mussolini substituted the Fascist Calendar for the Christian, and dates his letters and conducts all his official business, on the new dating. All business letters in Italy must now end with the words 'Long live the Duce.' 'In absolute, eerie stillness,' says the Rome correspondent of a London journal, 'we saw the Duce raise his arm in the Old Roman salute, stiff and silent, head well up, jaws set, eyes alight like live coals. The man's very attitude magnetized the mass, influenced them to a depth none of them could gauge, made them feel that he, alone of all the leaders they had ever known, had the subtle, secretly-sprung power to make them follow wherever he willed. In the days of Imperial Rome the populace found it no hard task to offer worship, something akin to divine worship, to the Caesars. And, very likely, this parallel is hardly ever absent from the Duce's own mind.'"

Another striking development was the Duce's announcement in March of the abolition of the Chamber of Deputies in favor of a "Corporate legislature" in Italy.

It is a legislature without politics of any sort, composed of delegates from the corporations, representing every walk of life, employers, workers, farmers, technicians, professional men, and all under the direct authority of Mussolini.

They are to legislate for Italy as experts, to bring into being the dream of a state that is worked as expertly as is a great industrial company.

Although Mussolini claims this is the first corporate state in the world, the guild system for industry, has been tried before, with no very promising results. It failed in the late Middle Ages as a producer of wealth, and it had a short and disastrous career in the United States under the N. R. A. It cannot compare with free competition in getting needed goods into the hands of the public; it is slow, cumbrous and inefficient. Il Duce seems convinced he can make it work and having all the reins in his own hands he may

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## Editorials

Brother John Burke's many friends will be sad to learn that he passed away April 30 after a long illness of heart trouble. He was one of our faithful bishops and was true to the end. We are sure that he will be sadly missed by many.

The readers of the Evangel will be glad to know that Brother J. P. Hughes, who has just undergone an operation for appendicitis, is recovering and they feel that he is practically out of danger. His appendix had ruptured and they said gangrene had set up before the operation. We feel very grateful to our heavenly Father for bringing him through.

We have an abundant supply of program books for all occasions. We also have the very best religious literature that we can select, such as stories for children and books on religious subjects. We still have in stock the Analytical Bible which we feel would be a great blessing to our people. It is \$15.75. It has a study course that will be a blessing to any minister. If you need Bibles or good literature, please order from the Publishing House.

We are pleased to state to the Church at large that the business at the Publishing House seemingly is growing better. Our job work has increased and we feel that the Publishing House is doing a good business. If the Church at large would patronize the Publishing House with all their job printing, it certainly would be a blessing in many ways. In and around the city of Cleveland, business firms and institutions of learning are giving us lots of job work which we highly appreciate. Come on and let us do your printing.

We have just closed a gracious revival at Cleveland, Tenn. The power of the Lord was wonderfully manifested. Many

of the saints were blessed and encouraged. Twelve were saved, eleven sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. Others who were blessed since the opportunity for joining was given, are expected to join soon. Brother Albert Childers did the preaching, which was good, and we bespeak for him a successful ministry. May God help him to stay humble where He can lead and direct his efforts. We certainly thank God for this revival for it has been a great blessing to the local church here. We also appreciate our good, humble pastor, Brother W. M. Stallings, and family.

### GOOD PROPHETIC SLOGAN: WATCH THE ARAB!

Mrs. Jessie Sage Robertson in her "My Watch" for January-February, points out the significant facts that "the Arab and the Moslem world is Israel's modern Nemesis." The slogan of the wide-awake prophecy student should be: WATCH THE ARAB. In the Arab of to-day we have the combined jealousies and hatreds of Ishmael and Esau. They have been squatting on Israel's land during their dispersion, and are determined to have it for their own.

She calls attention to two very policy-determining conferences held in Palestine. One called an "All Moslem Conference" held "in the Aksa Mosque on Mount Moriah, in Jerusalem," from Dec. 6 to Dec. 17th, 1931, when the Moslem world bound themselves, even at the "sacrifice of their lives," to stand together against "foreign colonization in any form" in Palestine; and, "all present swore by the name of Allah to carry out the resolutions with all their strength." And on Nov. 2, 1935, "the Arabs held a great mass meeting in Nablus... to call upon the Arabs to arm themselves against the Jews... To plant the hatred of England... in every Arab heart... To publish a proclamation addressed to Arabs and Moslems in all countries, calling them to co-operate with the Arabs of Palestine."

# LOVE

MAUD MARTIN

*"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" 1 John 4:7, 8, 11, 20.*

*"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." 1 John 5:3.*

There could be volumes written on this subject and I'm sure it would never be exhausted. Love is one of the greatest needs of the Church of God today for I fear we are falling far short on showing our love and appreciation for one another. There seems to be a great lacking and emptiness in the churches and pulpits and I'm sure if we loved one another and loved the lost world as the Lord commanded us to, we would see our empty churches filled and see those who have been driven away and those who have lost the victory and fallen by the way coming back to the fold and we would see sinners coming this way and joining our rank. I'm sure there have been multitudes of hungry, honest-hearted people driven from our doors just simply because we failed to realize them as strangers when they came into our midst. I have known some of our Church of God people to visit other Church of God churches and no one ever speak to them. They were not even invited in the classes in Sunday School, were not even noticed or recognized whatever and this has happened more than once in the same church. A person who is easily offended would perhaps get offended and discouraged and give up, and especially sinners and unbelievers wouldn't feel encouraged to go back to a place where no one even spoke to them or recognized them whatever or showed they were interested in them.

Saints, don't let us be selfish and turn a cold shoulder to one another and on the world. We cannot win people for Christ by doing this. Some have said to me, "You holiness folks, because you are all saved, it seems that you don't care whether any one else is saved or not." Let us love one another more and show more love to the lost world, and especially to those who come into our midst. Let us show that we love them and want them to come to our churches, and I'm

sure we will see our churches filling up. I don't believe there is any one in the world who doesn't like to be loved and know somebody cares. The world is dying for love. We are commanded to love one another and the Lord said His commandments are not grievous. Let us not fail along this line. If we haven't got that brotherly love or divine love, let us fall on our knees and pray till God gives us more love so people can see and feel we do love them and are interested in them.

Another thing we need is more brotherly kindness. We find in 2 Peter 1:5-7, "Add to your faith\*\*\*brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." There is nothing that goes any farther than kindness and charity. Children, even babies, and animals know the difference in kindness and unkindness. We all know the sting, the hurt from unkindness, from harshness. I'm sure a lot of us fail to deal as kindly with one another as we should sometimes. I remember sometime ago a peddler came to the door and I talked rather unkind to him but deep down in my heart I didn't mean to. I remember the hurt expression on his face when he left the door, but I had to ask God to forgive me and not let me talk to people in such an unkind way, and it seemed the Lord made it possible for me to see that man again. When I did, I didn't fail to apologize for speaking to him as I did, and when I did a different expression came over his face to the one I saw when he left my door the first time.

I recall another time some friends and I had started across town to a cottage prayer meeting and a special friend of mine was in the crowd. I wanted us two to lag just a little behind the rest or be a little ahead of them so we could be together. An old man happened to be in the crowd, who had been a lifelong friend to my friend's family and as he wasn't so well acquainted with the rest of us he wanted to go along with this friend and me but I didn't want him along. I didn't say anything, but sometimes we can act unkind as well as speak unkind. I kept pulling my friend along and she kept pulling back so we went on this way to meeting. When we started home it was the same way. This poor old man was all crippled up and couldn't walk like the rest of us. On crossing a street it must have been the Lord that let me look back, and when I did, what I saw caused me to stop dead still in the center of the street. That poor old, twisted,

crippled man was trying so hard to catch up with us. I have never forgotten how pitiful he looked trying to walk fast enough to keep up with us with those poor twisted feet and how he held those twisted hands. I shall never forget the conviction that seized my heart right there and the loneliness and sympathy that came into my heart for that poor old man, a child of God; and he was a much welcomed guest in our crowd the rest of the way home on my part and it was no trouble for me to walk slowly either. I went on home and I could not get away from the picture of that pathetic figure that had been so indelibly stamped in my mind and the way I had treated him, and the next day how I wept and prayed for that poor man.

I'm sure we don't mean to mistreat any one or be unkind but we get careless sometimes and fail to do these little things that we think are not of such importance, when we don't know how much good we may do by doing kind deeds and speaking kind words, so let us do all we can to encourage one another and show them we love them. We never know how we may lighten some heavy load by doing the little things, or how we may encourage some discouraged soul who is almost to the giving-up point when maybe just a few words of encouragement would cause them to take new courage and press the battle on. Let us be friendly and do all we can to help some one. We read in the Bible that if we have friends we must show ourselves friendly.

I remember staying in a home once where there was a saintly mother, one among the sweetest women I ever knew. We worked together, talked together, cried and prayed together. So many times when we would be in the kitchen together she would come to me, put her arms around me and say, "I just love you. I just love you." She had the sweetest, sunny disposition. It seemed she just loved everybody and always had a kind word, a sweet encouraging word for every one. She didn't wait until after they were gone to express her love for them. Oh, there are so many who are lonely, who are sad, who feel that nobody loves them, nobody cares. Can't we strow our flowers while people are living? Can't we show them we do love them, that we do care? Oh, if we could only see the aching hearts, the hungry hearts, the longing souls, and hear the pitiful cries and lend a helping hand, to lift some heavy burden, to ease some aching heart, to cheer the sad, the lonely! It might not mean doing some great big something. It might be just a few words, just a kind deed, or it might be just a smile. Who knows the worth of a

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## Vengeance is the Lord's

MRS. GLADYS ROBERSON

*"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy,"*  
1 Peter 4:12, 13.

MY object in writing this article is to try to encourage those who are going through trials. The time has come when God's children everywhere are being tested to the limit, but remember that the "trying of our faith is far more precious than gold." We are only going through with the refining process, now, we are being purified, tried and made white.

I get letters from so many of God's children saying, "Pray for me. I'm going through a trial, my burdens are so great." Others say, "It's all I can do to stand." I have written to my brothers and sisters in the Lord requesting their prayers to help me through my trials and it does help so much when we know they are praying for us, but dear ones, let's buckle the armor of God on a little tighter and be brave soldiers for our King Jesus.

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." 2 Tim. 2:4. Since we are soldiers in this great army of God,

our motto should be "Onward to the goal," regardless of the many hard battles, for where there is no battle, there is no victory. The poet has said, "The harder the battle, the sweeter the victory." It's the victory that we are fighting for, the goal that lies at the end of the way, the precious thought of being able to say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

Some say, "I have been so falsely accused." Dear ones, I have too, and all other true children of God. That's part of our cross, but didn't Jesus say, "Blessed are ye when they shall say all manner of evil against you falsely?" What does He tell us to do about it, talk about them? NO, but, "Rejoice and be exceeding glad for GREAT is your reward in heaven." We are not to take revenge on those who mistreat us and say bad things about us, for God says, "Vengeance is mine. I will repay." Let's take it all to Him, who is our burden-bearer, who has promised never to leave us nor forsake us, but will go with us all the way. Remember that we are to rejoice inasmuch as we are partakers of Christ's sufferings. Let's look up. Jesus is coming soon and heaven is going to be cheap at any cost. May God bless and encourage every reader.

## Perilous Times

J. H. BROOKS

*"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come,"* 2 Tim. 3:1.

THE word "perilous" means hazardous, dangerous to risk, hence hazardous times, dangerous times, "for the day of the Lord is at hand."

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly," Zeph. 1:14. Did you ever see a day like this, or read about one in history? Men are crying in this day bitterly. The cry is, "Help, help; money, more money; freedom, more freedom," but the cry does no good. Hard times are here and no man can stop them. They are hastening on.

"That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness," Zeph. 1:15. Do you still wait for that day to come? No, it is here

now. All we are waiting for is the Lord to come.

"A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers," Zeph. 1:16. My, how men and women are in a state of alarm, don't know what to do or say, whether to go or to stay, whether to buy or sell. It used to be a penitentiary offence to speak against the government but if it were so now the world would have to be turned into a penitentiary. It is perilous times and there is danger on every hand.

"And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, BECAUSE THEY HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for

## What May I Do To Help The Orphans?

Several inquiries have been made asking what they could give to help the orphans. If you will permit us to suggest, we think a bundle of overalls and shirts from a church or district would be a nice gift. We can use any size from No. 2 to men's size. Sheets 60x96 and pillow cases would also be a nice gift.

We mention some of the much appreciated gifts received a short time past: Nice living room suits for both Girls' Homes, one from the Bristol District in Tennessee, solicited by Mrs. J. A. Cole of Elizabethton, Tenn., the other from Illinois, solicited by the State Overseer, J. L. Goins, and a nice radio from the Hamilton, Ohio church presented by Brother Ed Edwards.

We appreciate these nice and valuable gifts. May the Lord bless each one who had a part in giving.

In all of your giving, don't forget your birthday offering and penny march. We are well pleased the way you have been responding to the orphans' needs and feel sure you will continue to do so. What shall "I" do?—Orphanage Committee, R. R. Walker, chairman.

## Convention Beneficial To Work

Our district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention was opened by our state superintendent and president, Wiley E. Wright, at eleven o'clock with songs and prayer. The district superintendent and secretary were elected, Brother Opsata, our district overseer, gave a talk on "Why and How Sunday School." "Our Y. P. E. Work of the State" was discussed by Sister Luckenbill. Brother Moffitt talked on our "Orphanage Work and Duty to Same," being assisted by Brother Butler. An offering was taken for Brother Wright and thanks given by all.

A report of each Sunday School and Y. P. E. was given by the presidents and superintendents. It was decided that each church of the state appropriate one dollar or more per month to Brother Wright for support of our state work. We feel sure that the churches will all be glad to do this after meeting Brother Wright and feeling his great help. The convention was closed with a song and prayer. —Leona Ogden, district secretary, Seminole, Okla.

he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land," Zeph. 1:17, 18.

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy," 2 Tim. 3:2. Lord, help us to see and be saved.



# MISSIONS

## My Visit to the Out-Islands

Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. On the 21st day of October, 1935, I returned to the Bahamas after spending about five months in the States. I can truly say that God has been with me and blessed my efforts in His service. During this time I preached in two of the churches in Nassau. After these hurricanes I went to Bluff, Eleuthera, where Brother and Sister Baker have labored for quite a while. I preached there four nights and organized a Church of God. Several persons there have been converted, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost since the church was organized under the efficient ministry of our state overseer and Sister Baker. This is probably our nearest out-island church. It is about forty miles from Nassau. Both of my visits to this place were made between 11:15 p. m. Saturday and 7:00 a. m. Sunday; up and awake almost all night, no beds aboard and not much more than standing room.

After organizing the church at Bluff, Eleuthera, I went to Rock Sound, Green Castle, Bannerman Town, and Tarpum Bay. I spent six weeks at these places. The work at Green Castle and Tarpum Bay had gone down but now both churches are being revived. We have finished the church building at Green Castle except the door and windows. We are using it and trusting God to supply the money for the windows and door. We plan to buy a house at Tarpum Bay and convert same into a church building soon. Brother Nehemiah Finlay and others are doing great work at these places. The church at Rock Sound has been strengthened and the good brethren are at work on a new and larger church building. The church at Bannerman Town is moving to the front. The saints are encouraged and we hope to shingle the church building there soon if the Lord wills.

While on this visit I travelled by boat, horseback, truck, and afoot, and besides these means of travel, I rode about seven miles in an automobile with an Episcopal priest, Mr. Knowles, who was very kind. At Christmas I was at Bannerman Town, a very small place, somewhat quiet and still, but God and some of His people are there. At Rock Sound we had a wonderful and inspiring watch-night service. Oh, God was with us there. At these places the people are kind and courteous. At Rock Sound Captain and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Arthur, and Mrs. Freda

Kemp were very hospitable and courteous to me, and, of course, our good church workers tried to make me comfortable, and labored with me very faithfully.

Friday, January 3rd, I left Eleuthera and came to Nassau, and after being here a week, visiting two churches, I went to the Bluff for four days, then to Harbour Island. I am glad to report that on this visit to Harbour Island, the Lord gave us a great and wonderful revival. I was there thirteen days. Six or seven were converted, several sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and eight joined the Church. Oh, those meetings were glorious and much good otherwise was done. The people at Harbour Island are friendly and courteous, and the Church of God has a bright prospect there. I appreciate the faithfulness of Brother Percientie, Sister Baker, Brother Hall, Brother Sands, Brother Nehemiah Finlay, Sister Albena Curtis, Brother Mackey, and all my other associates in the ministry at Eleuthera. Brother Franks, the overseer, and I work together well. It has been said that he and I love one another.

My last out-island work included a rough voyage from Nassau to Andros. I lay flat on my back almost all the way from Nassau to Nichols Town and refused breakfast to avoid seasickness. Consequently, I was weak when I arrived at Mastic Point but the next day I was all right and the Lord gave us edifying, interesting and inspiring services. We dedicated a new church building. It was a glorious service. The saints at Andros are humble and yet faithful and are encouraged to move forward. They tried to make me comfortable and worked with me faithfully. I returned to Nassau on the same boat on which I came. The ocean was still rough so again I lay for about six hours and refused lunch to avoid seasickness.

Dear saints, please pray for us and be faithful to support the foreign missions. —I am humbly and faithfully yours, Wm. T. Auten, Box 202, Nassau, Bah.

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## Encouraged and Determined To Press On

I thank God that I can at this time report victory through the precious blood of Jesus. I thank Him for the blessed Church of God, for His precious Holy Ghost. I am glad I had the privilege of attending the district convention on the Hills of Desire in Clarendon. Thank the Lord! I am wonderfully encouraged and

revived. We were glad to have our dear state overseer, the other officials and the blessed Holy Ghost. We appreciated his welcome visit and he took charge of the convention. Precious souls were saved, many filled with the Holy Ghost.

I am thanking God today because I have witnessed an instant divine healing by the mighty power of God in our little home. A dear sister, one who is so sickly all the time, received healing from the Lord. She took her bed on Sunday night. When I went to get her meals today I heard dear Sister Johnson start talking. I thought she might be having a fit and when I went to her I found it was so. We sought the Lord's will and went down in prayer. Before we were finished she was up in the bed, praising and magnifying God. She shouted and praised the Lord. We gave her something to eat and she ate all of it. Afterward she dressed, walked out of the house to another home, ate her dinner nicely, went to meeting with us, and now is gone to bed. Praise God for Jesus. Allelujah! Please pray for her.

I wish to correct a mistake I saw in my testimony in the Evangel that I walked in true holiness and then went back in sin. That's a mistake. I never went back in sin. I walked with the Lord in true holiness, was saved and sanctified until I lived out the Holy Ghost. Praise God then He led me in the Church, but I did not understand what the Church was and my holiness people began to persecute me, so I went back to walk with them, but could have no joy. I prayed on until God took me away from my Kingston home to Trelawny and settled me down in the blessed Church of God where I mean to stay.

Please pray for me and our little work in Sherwood Content, also for our dear Brother V. E. Marrett that the Lord may baptize him with the Holy Ghost and fire.—Your sister for service, C. E. Bell, Sherwood Content P. O., Trelawny, Jam., B. W. I.

## God's Power Working

ROCK HILL, S. C.—I praise God for the way He is blessing at Rock Hill, S. C. The power of God came down in a wonderful way. Five were filled with the Holy Ghost Easter Sunday.

While God's power was working I was suffering with indigestion and I said, "Lord, if you will heal me, I will testify to it." I stepped up in front of the rostrum and Brother Jacob, our pastor, laid his hands on me and prayed for me and I was healed. Thank God! I haven't felt the pain any more.

I praise the Lord for the church and our pastor at Rock Hill. He is a wonderful man of God.—Your sister in Christ, Fannie Childers, Rt. 5.

## REPORTS

### Langley, S. C. Dist. Conv'n.

The Langley, S. C., district convention convened April 3-5. The Lord was with us from the very beginning. Brother Johnson said he wanted the Lord to have His way, and truly He did. The Holy Ghost put on His own program. We just sat with our hearts open and God came down and filled us to overflowing with His love and mighty power.

The convention opened Friday night with songs and prayer. After the congregational singing Brother Dempsey, his daughter, and Brother Cook from Columbia gave us some special singing and music. We all enjoyed it very much and appreciated their visit. Next came an inspiring message by Brother Dempsey.

Saturday night we were back at church for another good feast in the Lord. The Lord blessed in every song and prayer. Brother Johnson gave a short talk on "The Need of the Orphans" and took up an offering for same which amounted to \$12.19. Brother Cole from the Baptist church was with us and rendered some good singing. Brother Johnson brought a soul-stirring message on "The Foundation of the Church" after which he gave an opportunity for an altar service.

Sunday morning it was raining and the clouds looked dark and gloomy, but surely there was sunshine in the souls of the people, for they did not let the rain on the outside keep them away. We met at nine-thirty with one hundred twenty-nine in Sunday School. The people kept coming in, and by the time Sunday School was over we had nearly a church full. Brother Shull and his family from Columbia were with us. Brother Lonnie Shull, his wife, and sister gave us some good singing. We surely appreciated their visit. Brother Cole was with us again Sunday morning to help out in the singing. After all the good singing Brother M. A. Looney from Berryton, Ga., brought a message. He made us all feel it was good to have Jesus as our Savior.

We were dismissed for dinner and after a short recess we were all back, ready for another feast. After more good singing and praying, Brother T. D. Brogdon from the Warrenville church brought us a message. It was so real that I feel that each one felt more like contending for the faith than ever before. Then Brother Johnson came right along and showed how men of old had such wonderful faith. When we came to ourselves we were on the mountain top shouting glory. Some who did not have this blessed experience came to the altar and one prayed through to the Holy Ghost.

At seven-thirty we were back for another feast. Oh, the singing was grand! Brother Johnson stirred our hearts on missions. An offering was taken for same which amounted to \$30.51. The Lord's Supper was spread and Brother Johnson gave some timely thoughts on the Lord's Supper and feet washing. God's presence came down and we were glad we could take the bread and wine in remembrance of Him who has given us so much glory and victory in our souls and a glorious hope of His coming again. Well, hallelujah! We are still feasting on this good convention and we feel we can go on the strength of it many days yet to come.

We have gone right into a revival here with Brother Looney doing the preaching. We are still rejoicing in the Lord as he brings the precious Word of God. Pray much for us that God will bring in many souls that there will be a great army here at Langley that will be ready to meet Jesus in peace when He comes after His Church.—Your sister under the blood, Mamie J. Osbon, clerk.

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### Successful Dist. Convention

One of the most successful and interesting conventions ever held on the Hayesville district, convened with the Shooting Creek Church of God, April 18, 19. From the very beginning the presence of the Lord made the occasion a blessing.

The welcome address by Brother C. P. Galloway, the local pastor, was brief, to the point, and appreciated by the visiting delegates. The response by Brother Frank Rochester, of Walhalla, S. C., was delivered in like manner. By this time Brother John L. Stephens, the good humble state overseer, with his wife and baby had arrived, and Brother Stephens later remarked that he felt the presence of the Lord as he entered the building. And it was the presence of the Lord all along through the convention that made it so good and glorious. Thank the Lord.

Sister Grace Grant came next with an interesting message on "Determination." Brother Stephens followed on the subject of "Loyalty," which was a blessing to those who love to be loyal. "Fellowship and Why necessary" was then ably discussed by Brother E. C. Ledford. In the afternoon, Brother E. D. Hopkins brought a message on "The Lord's Financial plan." Misers and non-tithers were not able to sit comfortably if they chanced to be present. This was surely in divine order. Brother Enoch Jamison spoke effectively on "Effectual Prayer." Brother Talmadge Wittemore spoke on "Spiritual Progress." Both were fine. Then came the climax or the height of the convention as Brother E. P. Davenport expounded some of the scriptures on the subject of "Who Will Compose

the Bride?" Those who were present will not soon forget how the power and glory of the Lord came down during this discourse. The evening service was opened by special singing by Sister Maxine Sprinkle, her son, and Brother Frazier. Brother Galloway followed with a good sermon on "The Truth."

Sunday morning Brother Stephens gave good and appreciated counsel to the ministers. Sister Sprinkle followed with a good message on the "Vine," which was very interesting and ably delivered. The eleven o'clock sermon on "That I May Know Him" by Brother R. R. Walker, of Cleveland, Tenn., was another high point of the convention. The crowded audience surely listened attentively as Bro. Walker so vividly portrayed the divine manner in which the Lord drew him from the head of a high school faculty and minister in another denomination to the blessing of Sanctification and the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and membership, ministerial, and official position in The Church of God. To appreciate this good message your presence would have been necessary.

Sunday afternoon was consumed with a good program by the orphans, consisting of recitations and songs. A nice little offering for this department was made the previous night. Brother Stephens spoke of the Evangel and the drive to place it in every Church of God home. He also spoke of the "Mission Interest." Brother W. P. Walker also discussed the subject of "Missions" and Miss Irene Davenport, briefly and pointedly spoke of "Our Young People," stating urgently and sincerely to the end that it was not necessary to wait until we attain mature years to find and serve the Lord.—Glover P. Ledford.

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### Souls Received Blessings

EAST MARION, N. C.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise our great King for full and free salvation that we know about. We have been enjoying some good talks and sermons and have had many blessings poured out on our souls. I can't start to tell the good that was done and the way we are impressed to do God's will. Praise God!

Dear friends, there are souls that have never heard the Word of God and they are around us. Let's try to get souls saved. I have been impressed to take the Word of God into new fields. The Lord has put it upon my heart to go to a new field, and by God's help and the prayers of the good people, I intend to do my best for God. I have not been in this way long—only since Sept. 27th, so I desire your prayers that the Lord will use me as He sees best. Pray for me to do God's will at any cost.—Yours in Christ, Oscar McKinney.



### Meyersdale, Pa. District Convention

The first convention for this district was held at Meyersdale, Pa., April 10-12, over which Bro. Noble Stern is pastor. Brother C. H. Blankenship, our state overseer, presided.

The opening service began with a real shout of victory in the camp. The glory of the Lord came down and blessed our souls. Brother Noble Stern gave the welcome address.

Many inspiring messages were delivered by the speakers. Some of them were "The Need of the Hour" by C. H. Blankenship; "The Church in its Biblical Term" by J. A. Bixler; "Baptism of the Holy Ghost and its Evidence" by Noble Stern; "Duties of a Christian" by O. S. Shreve; and "Fellowship" by A. S. Smith. There were responses from visiting brothers and sisters giving short and encouraging talks.

The business meeting was held on Saturday. Reports were given and other business discussed, also the possibilities of purchasing the park at Somerset for the state headquarters. A few words were spoken of the missionaries and an offering taken for same. Brother Eddie Tipton, district S. S. superintendent, had charge of the Sunday School work.

The songs and music alone lifted one into a heavenly atmosphere. There were many special solos and instrumental pieces that were rendered by brothers and sisters of various churches.

The Y. P. E. was in charge of Brother R. E. Nuzum, Johnstown district superintendent of Y. P. E. The young people are still pressing the battle for the Lord. They seemed to be on fire for Christ and all willingly did their part to make it a huge success. The closing sermon was given by Brother Blankenship followed by handshakes and farewells.—Misses Gladys Green and Lavina Box.

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### Cambridge, Md. Dist. Conv'n.

Our district convention opened Friday night, April 10th, at Easton, Md., with Brothers W. Carl Milligan, state overseer, and F. B. Marine, district pastor, in charge. Following the song service, prayer and special songs, Brother C. J. Abbott of Crisfield delivered an inspiring message, after which the altar was lined with seekers, one receiving the Holy Ghost.

Saturday morning and afternoon was devoted to business concerning our state camp ground which we expect to have completed by the date of our state convention, and camp meeting which convenes Aug. 20-30. Saturday night's service opened with songs and prayer, followed by special songs, during which the power of God came down in such a won-

derful measure that the speaker for the evening was unable to bring the message, and instead an altar call was given in which one received the Holy Ghost and many were blessed.

Sunday morning after the soul-stirring songs rendered by the Cambridge, Crisfield, and Easton quartets, also other specials, Sister Arthur Ruark from Seaford, Del. brought a stirring message, followed by Brother T. J. Looney from North Carolina who delivered a wonderful message. It was food for our souls. The afternoon's service opened with our state overseer in charge. Offerings were taken for the orphans, missions, also subscriptions for the camp ground, these amounting to approximately \$325.00. Following this our district pastor, Brother F. B. Marine, brought a message on "Faith in God's Bible." This was surely a timely message accompanied by the presence and power of God from beginning to end. This message concluded the convention so as to give the pastors ample time to get to their churches for the evening service. Many expressed themselves as enjoying this district convention as well as our past state conventions.—One who enjoyed the services, Edwin Tull.

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### Very Good Convention Held

The Pulaski, Va. district convention over which Brother W. B. Davis is overseer, convened April 10-12 at Parrott, Va. Brother W. H. White is pastor of that church. Brother J. L. Dorman, state overseer, moderated the convention.

We met together in a union church and God met with us in a good way. An impressive Easter program was furnished on Sunday morning by the Sunday School before our regular session of the day. Eight churches were represented from various directions, and we seem to think as we continue in convention work that the State of Virginia is gaining in a strong way. Every minister seems to have a message to the very point of truth. Those who spoke to us during the convention were: Brother W. B. Davis and wife, Brothers J. L. Dorman, W. H. Martin, C. W. Stewart, W. R. Messer, E. Ray Kirk, and the writer. We feel some strength is being given in these conventions that will greatly aid the churches as they are generally small in this section. In conclusion, we report that it was all very good.—Marvin E. Porter, Austinville, Va.

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### Convention A Feast

The Dillon, S. C. district convention which convened April 10-12, Brother Clyde C. Cox, district overseer, was moderated by Brother R. P. Johnson, state overseer. This convention will live

long in the memory of the good brethren and sisters because it was a feast from the Lord. Throughout the entire convention many joyful, inspiring sermons were delivered by the different brothers in this district.

The Dillon church was enlarged one year ago to seat twice as many as it did, and I am sorry to say that many people could not get seats. It looks as if we yet need more room.

We are thankful for our state overseer and our pastor, Brother Clyde C. Cox. Everyone seems to be well pleased with them. The Church at Dillon has the largest membership now it has ever had and a Sunday School with close to two hundred attending, for which we thank God. We also have a good leader in our Y. P. E., Brother Mack Hatcher. It is gaining rapidly.—A brother in Christ, George Soles, clerk and treasurer.

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### Jellico, Tenn. Dist. Conv'n.

The Jellico, Tenn. Church of God district convention met at Jellico, Tenn., April 10-12. The welcome address was given by the local pastor, Brother June Batts. All were made welcome. The response was given by Brother Ivan Stone, followed by Brother Cross, which was greatly enjoyed.

Saturday evening service opened with songs and concert prayer. Brother J. C. Martin brought the message on "The Need of Prayer" followed by good talks by Brothers Mack Gibson and Ivan Stone. All were good and food to the soul. We just feasted on the good Word of God and our souls rejoiced to the very last. An offering was taken for the state overseer, also one for our district pastor, Brother Baxter Bryant.

Sunday morning we met at nine o'clock. We had a wonderful Sunday School lesson. We enjoyed our teacher, Brother Stone, very much. After Sunday School Brother June Batts delivered a sermon on "The Church of God," after which a talk was made by Brother Cross. An offering was taken for missions. The power of the Holy Ghost fell and everyone rejoiced. Pray for the church at Jellico that lost souls may be saved. Pray for me. Also pray for my husband and son who are in sin.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. E. L. Reed.

### Notice

We have announced a camp meeting for this place beginning Aug. 5-16. This is comparatively a new field, but God is able to do great things. All who know the value of prayer, please remember us when you pray. We need financial help to be prepared for this occasion. The building is yet incomplete.—E. D. Hopkins, pastor, Cullowhee, N. C.

## Requests

We ask everyone who reads this to pray for us here that God will still continue to bless the people and that He will send another revival soon. Pray for me as I am a young preacher. I have been preaching only about a year. I just closed my first revival, which was a very successful one.—E. E. Hurst, 919 Cedar St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

I ask you all to pray for me. I have a goitre on my neck and I want it removed.—Martha Plumbe (colored), Rt. 1, Box 45-A, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Brothers and sisters everywhere, please pray for me that I will be able to overcome the test I'm going through and stay true. Pray that God will answer prayer, and undertake and save before it is too late.—Rosa Long, LaFayette, Ga.

All who know the worth of prayer, please pray for a meeting that is to be at my house the third Sunday in this month. I am the only one right here in this settlement who believes in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of other tongues. Pray that the dear hearts will see the light and come in this good way.—Odell Dodson, Rt. 2, Hazel Green, Ala.

We earnestly covet the prayers of every child of God as this is a very needy field.—H. D. Reynolds, Clairfield, Tenn.

We are starting a revival Sunday, May 3, with the pastor, J. C. Childers, preaching. Pray that God will bless. We have some wonderful services here. April 21 we met and had prayer meeting. We gave a prayer for the sick. Brother Thomas Bell came forth for prayer and was healed of his broken legs, the result of the cyclone. Sunday night a little boy was healed of T. B. of the bone.—Brother M. S. Patterson, Anderson, S. C.

Saints of God, please take me to the Lord when you pray. Pray for my body is diseased and I want His will to be done.—Miss Nellie Cooper, Eupora, Miss.

I request pray for my sister who has an ulcer of the stomach which is very serious. She has been afflicted with stomach trouble for about five years and it seems she can not be with us very much longer if she is not healed right away. Pray that God will especially bring her back to Him. Please remember to pray especially for her soul.—Miss Ada Bramlett, 117 Caryell St., Marietta, Ga.

I desire prayer for the healing of my wife, Lucile Shaw, who has been troubled for about four years with acid condition in her stomach. Almost everything she eats creates gas on her stomach and crowds her heart, and at night she seldom ever gets to sleep before towards morning. Proper diet has been the only thing that gives her any rest and health. She trusts the Lord entirely. She has been a member of the Church of God since seven years of age and is still determined to trust Him to the end and receive a crown. We appreciate the saints here and are glad for a place to work for the Lord.—Chas. H. Shaw, Wauchula, Fla.

Please pray for the work on this district. Washington, N. C. is a hard place to work. Also pray for us to ever be true.—Brother and Sister T. L. Little, Washington, N. C.

Earnestly pray for my husband as he has been badly afflicted for some time, and at times he can hardly go at all. Also pray a special prayer for Brother B. H. Paynter as he has heart trouble and has requested that every one pray for him.—Mrs. Van Browning, Davin, W. Va.

I request pray for the healing of my body. I have flu, kidney trouble and a cough. I would enjoy some Evangelists. If anyone has any that they would send to me, I would appreciate it. Pray for my home.—Mrs. W. W. Pyron, Marvell, Ark.

I want all the Christians to pray for me that I can hold out. I have a special request for prayer.—Mrs. Nannie Ellen Eppo, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., Route 1, Box 76-A.

I want all to pray that God will give me wisdom to be a shepherd to lead my flock the way they need to go, and that God will heal my afflicted body.—Virgil Topscott, Russell Springs, Ky.

Those who know the worth of prayer, please pray for God to heal my left kidney. It is getting worse and at times I suffer so terribly until I can hardly straighten up or sit down. Also pray that my faith will be stronger.—Beauford Haggard, Evangelist, Strawberry Plains, Tenn.

We are in Neon, Ky., in a revival battling against sin and the devil and we need your prayers, so pray for us.—D. H. Robinson, Evangelist, Neon, Ky.

Dear saints, please pray for God to send some one here to preach the Word. I get so hungry to hear the Word of God preached. Pray for me that I may stay humble at the foot of the cross and

that I will have an opportunity soon to be added to the Church.—Mrs. W. D. Jackson, Rt. 2, Box 88, Clarksdale, Miss.

I am afflicted in my body and ask all who pray and believe that God can heal, to pray for me to be healed. Pray for us to have a great revival here, also pray for our pastor, Brother Roy Patterson, and for all of us to stay in the center of God's will.—Mrs. Wilsie Justus, 29 Goddard Ave., Seneca, S. C.

I thank the Lord for all His goodness to me. Please pray for us here and that souls will be saved. We invite all the Church of God preachers to stop by and give us a visit as you are going through from Georgia to Florida.—A. B. Lane, Cherry Lake, Fla.

Please pray a special prayer for me, that God will have His way in my life and that I will obey His will and be an overcomer.—Lassie Bryan, Hemp, Ga.

Please pray for the Lord to send us a preacher for a revival, which we are going to start some time this month. Pray that I may humble myself and that I may obey the Lord and receive the Holy Ghost. I am afflicted in my body, so pray that I may swing out on the promises of God and trust Him for both soul and body.—C. W. Morrison, Erlanger, N. C.

Pray earnestly for Sister Fannie Jordan who has been afflicted for seven years with some kind of eczema. It is all over her body. Pray the prayer of faith. Also pray for me as I am undergoing some hard trials.—Brother W. A. Goss, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Ga.

Please pray for my unsaved family, a husband and three boys, and that the Lord will always keep the determination in my heart to stand true and loyal to the grand old Church of God.—Mrs. Ethel Brown, Tice, Fla.

I thank the Lord for health and salvation and the many blessings He has given me. I wish the pastors of the many churches to pray for me that if it is the Lord's will He will heal my eyes. Please pray for the Lord to baptize me with the Holy Ghost. I have three special requests for the Lord's will to be done.—William Hoy, 1109 Holt St., Norfolk, Va.

I am in bed with rheumatism and request prayer through the Evangel for the healing of my body. Please pray for me at once as I am badly in need of prayer.—H. G. Dothy, Walhalla, S. C.

### An Enjoyable Easter Service

ROCHESTER, Tex.—We praise God for what He has been to us this day. We all met at the church Sunday morning with bright, shining faces. Service began with a song, followed by concert prayer. After Sunday School we had a sermon by the writer on "Because I Live Ye Shall Live also." The Lord was with us. An altar call was made. At noon dinner was enjoyed by all. We met again at 2:30 and opened service with songs and prayer. We had a fine sermon by Brother Forest Toles on "The Rock of Our Refuge." We had some shouting and talking in tongues. How God's power came down! We were also favored with another good sermon by Brother Chester Toles on "The Holy Ghost" which was inspiring to all.

The evening service opened at 7:30 with a house full of folks and many on the outside. The Y. P. E. gave an Easter program. The service closed with three songs, one of which was "Moving Higher" which we mean to do. We covet the prayers of all. Please pray that we will do God's will.—W. E. Mitchell, pastor.

### Branford, Fla. Dist. Conv'n.

The Branford, Fla. district convention convened at the Branford church, March 27-29. Friday night services began with songs and prayer. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost were in our midst. We felt we were in divine order. The welcome address was given by the local pastor, Brother E. L. Hicks. Response was given by Brothers F. S. McCormick, Marshall Osteen, and W. A. Bowen. Reports of the Y. P. E. work on the district was then given by the assistant state Y. P. E. superintendent, Brother E. L. Newton, after which he spoke on "Losses Sustained by not Having a Y. P. E." and the "Progression of the Y. P. E. in the State." This was a very valuable service. Many helpful thoughts were brought out. Brother Roy Kerce spoke on "The Value of Prayer in the Y. P. E." This was very good. Brother Newton then gave some interesting remarks that made us feel the need of working harder for our Y. P. E. Surely we appreciate Brother Newton and his wife in this worthy work. They are proving a blessing to the people.

Saturday morning services opened with songs and prayer. A sermon on "The Christian's Unity" was delivered by Brother Paul Taylor, district overseer. This was indeed wonderful. We had another sermon also by Brother E. L. Hicks on "Our Influence." This was great. Saturday afternoon after the devotional service a sermon by Brother J. C. Harper on "The Ideal Member" was enjoyed.

Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, gave some very helpful suggestions on "How to Become an Ideal Member." We then had ministers and officials' meeting. Many important questions were asked and discussed. These were helpful and every one seemed to be benefited. Saturday night Brother Williams delivered a message on "The Bible Church." This was indeed wonderful and everyone enjoyed his message.

Sunday morning after songs and prayer we had the reports of the Sunday Schools. Each school had a large delegation, Alton having the largest. The reports were good. Brother Newton, state S. S. superintendent, gave a brief report of the district work. Brother W. A. Bowen spoke on "What Sunday School Means to the Church," which was very good. Brother John Land spoke on "Valuable Suggestions for Sunday School." This was very good also. Brother Williams took an offering for missions which amounted to \$16.00. A message on "I Know Thy Works" by Brother Williams was greatly enjoyed. Surely every Church of God member in Florida should hear Brother Williams preach on this theme. God was great in our midst. Our hearts were melted in the great light of His Word and love. Brother Williams was nearly sick but when he launched out in God's ocean of love and power he forgot himself and fed our souls on the heavenly manna. This was a blessed service.

We spread dinner at the church and there was an abundance of good things to eat. We gathered again after dinner, opened service with songs and prayer, then had the call of the churches. Each church on the district was well represented and had good reports. Brother Roy Kerce boosted the State News and Evangel. A goodly number of subscriptions were taken. Bro. Williams spoke

on "The Florida Bible School," which is to convene at Wimauma this summer.

This brought to a close the convention. We surely appreciated having with us a number of saints from other districts. The convention was a success in every way. A great number of our people were hindered from being in this good meeting because of sickness, which we regretted very much. But God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost were present with us in every service, for which we were thankful. May the good things we heard during this convention linger continually with us.—Marshall and Bertha O'Steen, reporters.

### God Blessing in Oklahoma

RAVIA, Okla.—It is with pleasure that I report some of the results of a meeting held by Brother Edmon Stark, Brother Collins, and the writer. This meeting was held last fall. Several received the blessing and came in the church at Ravia, six miles from this place. Brother Eason, our pastor at Ravia, put me over the little flock. We have a nice little Sunday School.

We had a good Easter service. We had visitors with us and their music was much enjoyed. There was a good crowd and every one seemed to enjoy himself. God blessed in every effort.

In regard to our pastor and wife at Ravia, Brother and Sister Eason, we have good preaching. He never fails to give the Word. Our singing is improving. We are also thankful for our state overseer and wife, Brother and Sister S. J. Wood. They have been faithful. God honors their work in Oklahoma and is blessing. We believe He is going to bless more.

We plan to build a little church at Bullard Prairie, the little place where I look after the work.—Your sister in the Church of God, Mary Pierce.

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now. Any church needing a revival, please address us at 1806 Avenue C, Council Bluffs, Iowa. For reference write State Overseer, James M. Snyder, Box 483, Pittsburg, Kans.—Frank Burleigh.

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I will be open for calls in evangelistic work after May 15. If you have a hard, out-of-the-way place where the others do not want to go, write me.—S. J. Mullins, Arjay, Ky.

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The Harlan district convention will convene at the Kentucky King church at Wallins Creek, Ky., May 15-17. There will be free entertainment for all. We invite you to come and enjoy the feast. There will be ministers from other districts with us, also Brother J. C. Jernigan, our state overseer, will be present. Everybody come praying. We have had some good district conventions in Harlan district, but we are looking for this to be the best. Come! You are welcome. Ministers are requested to dismiss other regular services and attend the convention.—S. B. McCane, district overseer, Harlan, Ky.

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We wish to hear from the following people as they are church members unheard of. If they are not heard from by the third Sunday in May, we will discontinue their membership: M. E. Evans, Nola Davis, Bonnie Dollins, Alberts Fields, Cora Follmar, A. E. Ayers, D. D. West, Mary Mitchell, Lola Taylor, Bernice Maddox, R. N. Fielding, Forest Kyle, Kathryn Compton, T. J. Love, and Lorene McConnell.—Eddy Swint, clerk, 62 Clarksville St., Paris, Tex.

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There will be a home coming at the Fox Creek Church of God, May 17, 1936. Everybody come and bring your lunch. All children of God pray much for this service, and come believing and you will be rewarded.—Your brother in Christ, Willie C. Holdaway, Fox, Va.

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### OVER THE TOP

We received a check from Brother M. S. Haynes, pastor of the Boaz, Ala., church, paying their quota for aged ministers' fund and the forty cent per member drive. Hurrah for Boaz, Ala. Church of God.—Gen. Sec.-Treas.

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I am in the evangelistic work and am open for revivals. I have a tent and am willing to go any place God may lead. I would like to work in new fields. Any one wishing my service may write me at Box 41, Ruskin, Fla.—Paul Wilkins.

The Church of God at Stafford, Fla., would like to know about the spiritual condition of Sister Nora Sparkman. If not heard from by next conference, her name will be dropped from the church record.—Mrs. Leela Thompson, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Fla.

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To the Church of God Y. P. E. of Kentucky: We are very happy to be in the state working as state superintendent, although we haven't had very much time to visit the Y. P. E's as yet. On Friday night of our state convention, Brother J. C. Jernigan gave us the time for our Y. P. E. program. The Lord came down and blessed in a wonderful way. There were young people present from all over the state of Kentucky. The presence of the Lord and the fellowship of each Spirit-filled young person was enjoyed by all. We thank the Lord for the young people of Kentucky. We feel like the Y. P. E. of Kentucky is going to grow by leaps and bounds. Young people, come on now and let's do our best for God. There is a work for each of us to do. It will take every one of us to put it over by the Lord's help.

The district Y. P. E. convention of the Ravenna district will convene at Ravenna, Ky., May 16-17. Brother J. A. Muncy is pastor there. We want all the young people of that district to be present. We are expecting a good time in the Lord. The Kentucky River district Y. P. E. convention will convene May 23-24 at the Blue Diamond church. We want the young people of Kentucky to pray that God will have His way in these conventions and in the Y. P. E's.—Lowell McCoy, Kentucky State Superintendent of Y. P. E.

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If the Lord is willing, we are going to have the Children's Day the first Sunday in June. Everybody is invited. Come and bring well-filled baskets. We are expecting some good preaching. Everybody pray for this meeting. The Church of God is located on West High Street, Gainesville, Ga.—J. E. Abernathy.

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There will be a home coming day the first Sunday in June at Blossom, Tex. We will have all-day services and dinner spread for all. Bring your baskets well filled. Please remember if you have not paid your ten cents for aged ministers and ten cents for our state parsonage, be sure to bring it with you. If you are not taking the Evangel, please bring enough to subscribe or renew for three months, six months, or one year. You need this paper in your home. Brother T. S. Payne, you are invited to be with us. Other churches are also invited.—O. J. Plake, pastor.

The state Sunday School banner of Virginia is again retained by the Sunday School at Pulaski. Amelia C. H. is second with a very good average. I again urge you to REPORT to me promptly, on or before the 5th of the month following, also please remit your Sunday School tithes each month in with your report. If the Sunday Schools fail on either of these principal state rulings, they are therefore ineligible to receive the banner. Come on, Virginia Sunday Schools, and do your best to make your school the best one. Remember we are working together for the best increase.—Marvin E. Porter, State S. S. Supt, Austinville, Va.

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Owing to adverse conditions at Kahoka, Mo., we have come to Kirksville, Mo. to begin a revival in the Church of God. Brother Homer V. Howe and wife are the pastors here. They play the guitar and sing specials beautifully. They would be a blessing anywhere. They plan to go into evangelistic work soon. Please pray for a real outpouring of the Holy Ghost at this place.—Brother Frank Burleigh, 404 W. Scott St., Kirksville, Mo.

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The Eastern Kentucky district convention of the Church of God will convene at the McVeigh Church of God on May 22-24. Bring your music and come. Everybody invited to come and enjoy the good feast with us. Please discontinue your regular services and attend the convention.—Noah Simpkins, district overseer.

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The annual home coming of the Church of God at Rougly, Mo., will be held the fourth Sunday in June, the 27th. There will be special singing, quartets, etc., so come expecting the Lord to bless. Bring well-filled baskets and a heart full of love, and a blessing from the Lord will be yours for the asking. We are expecting our state overseer, Brother Milligan, and many other good brethren to come. We were glad to have with us last month at our rally, Brother Zeno C. Tharp of the Bible School of Cleveland, Tenn., who spoke to us about the Bible School which was greatly enjoyed.—Henry Hammock.

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Dear Evangel readers, I praise the Lord for the wonderful revival we are having at the Church of God at Berryton, Ga., conducted by Brother L. W. Sisk. God is surely blessing in this meeting. Several have already been saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. I don't know just how much longer the meeting will go on but we are expecting the Lord to give us many souls in this revival. Saints, pray that God will continue to bless.—Your brother in Christ, A. G. Kennington, Trion, Ga.

## Death Notices

### ALTIZER

Our husband and father departed this life April 21, 1936, age forty-three years. The funeral was conducted by Brother Van Browning. After the service the Local Union No. 5918 at Christian took charge and marched. Interment was made at Verner, W. Va. Every one who reads this please pray for this family that God will save his boys who are in sin.—His wife and children, Christian, W. Va.

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### FRIENDLEY

Sister Annie Nora Friendley, age sixty-three years, of Orangeburg, S. C., died April 17. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Brother Porter M. White.—Mrs. R. B. Dickson.

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### HUGHES

Funeral services for David Hughes, seven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hughes, were held April 25 at the Church of God at Clinton, S. C., by the pastor, Brother W. F. Patterson. Burial was at Trinity church in Spartanburg county, S. C.

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### PEAK

Death claimed Sister Pearl Mae Peak April 11, 1936. She was thirty-nine years old. Her funeral was preached by her pastor, Brother O. W. Thomas. She was a loyal member of the Church of God.—Mrs. John Burnett, Elbert, W. Va.

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### BARNES

Brother John S. Barnes, age sixty-nine years, nine months, departed this life April 20, 1936. Funeral was conducted by the writer and the body laid to rest in the Pad Day cemetery at Narrows, Va.—Laud L. Vaught.

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### COOPER

Dear beloved Sister Lillie Gertrude Cooper, age twenty-nine years, four months, and twenty-two days, died April 17, 1936. The funeral was conducted at the Church of God by her pastor, Brother P. M. White and Brother J. M. Martin.—The Church of God, Orangeburg, S. C.

### Kansas Y. P. E. Work

Dear Evangel readers, we are very glad to report that the Y. P. E's are moving forward in Kansas. We have a good Endeavor in Coffeyville with about sixty-four workers. Weir City also has a good attendance, and there is a good Endeavor at Pittsburg with some good, faithful workers who are willing to try. Best of all we are having good services, for

which we thank the Lord.

We have Brother Newton Ward, a music teacher, with us. He is a good preacher, also. He taught a ten-night singing school at Weir City and Pittsburg and these two schools were a great help to the churches. Any church will do well to get him for a singing school.

We feel fortunate to have Brother Ward and Brother and Sister Snyder with us. Let us stand by them and make use of every opportunity we have. Brother Snyder is doing his best to bring the Church of God to the front in Kansas.

If we can help you in any way in your Y. P. E. work, please write us.—Humbly yours, Bethel Orander, Kansas State Y. P. E. president, 1008 E. 13th St., Pittsburg, Kansas.

### Church in Paris, Ky., Growing

PARIS, Ky.—I praise God for sweet victory in my soul. I praise Him for the little church in Paris, also for the dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

We started a revival here March 23rd with Brother Virgil Topscott in charge. There were quite a few souls at the altar seeking to be saved. Two were filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and numbers were prayed for for the healing of their bodies. Some were healed.

We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing Sunday, April 5th, which brought much victory. The church here is growing. We organized in December with thirteen members, now we have eighteen members. Pray for the work in Paris.

We believe God is going to help us establish a work in Paris that we won't be ashamed of.

Please pray for me that I will grow stronger in the Lord and do His will.—Mrs. Effie Mae Hubbard, c/o Mrs. Bruce Buckler.

### Cairo, Ga. Dist. Convention

The Cairo, Ga. district convention convened in the Cairo Church of God of which Brother J. B. Weeks is pastor, Brother J. P. Hughes, state overseer. It seemed that from the start it was a wonderful time for us. We had many wonderful sermons delivered by Brothers J. P. Smith, J. L. Underwood, Coleman, Buster Griffin, also Brother Wilburn Smith of the First Baptist Church.

Saturday afternoon Brother Trulock of the Methodist church talked to us. In many of the services the Lord met with us in a wonderful way. We can't express to Him our thanks for His goodness to us. We had such good music and singing by Bro. Coleman and wife, Bro. Shelton Brock, and Brother Daniel, our state S. S. superintendent. Brother Daniel gave a wonderful talk on "Sunday School."

We surely thank the Lord for our mission offering which was \$10.25. We feel that it was a wonderful convention, the best we have ever had. We also had dinner on the ground Sunday. I think everyone enjoyed it very much. We had an Easter program Sunday night and how the Lord did bless. To say it was good would be giving you a mild estimation.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. C. E. Bell.

## NOTICES

To whom it may concern: This is to notify all that Brother J. H. Selph has been duly appointed clerk of the Church of God at Wauchula, Fla., to relieve Sister H. A. Hycht upon her request to be released.—Chas. H. Shaw, Wauchula, Fla.

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The Statesboro, Ga., district convention will convene at Long Branch May 21-24. All near-by churches have a cordial invitation to be present. We are looking forward to a great day for the Lord. Dinner will be spread Sunday. We are looking for many good preachers to be with us, also our state overseer, Brother Hughes. Everyone come, you have a hearty welcome.—Your brother in Christ, Jesse Aycock, Rocky Ford, Ga.

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Any one wishing to get in touch with Herald A. Phillips, pastor of the Church of God at Omaha, Nebr., please address same at 2225 S. 14th St., Omaha, Nebr. Address of church is uncertain as yet.—Herald A. Phillips, pastor.

## REQUESTS

Pray that I will have a closer walk with God and do His will. If the saints of Trafford, Ala., see this, please pray a special prayer for me.—Luther Connell, Route 1, Matthews, Mo.

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Please pray for God to touch my body as I am afflicted with eczema or poison oak and I suffer so much that I have hard nervous chills.—Mrs. Mattie Pyle, Box 216, Marshall, Tex.

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Please join us in prayer for this place. Brother J. C. Cox is doing the preaching for the revival which is now going on. This is a new place and we are sending the Macedonian call to all the neighboring churches, "Come over and help us." Bring your musicians and help us convince the people in New Port Richey that there is a reality in the old-time gospel. Please pray for the success of this revival.—Evelyn Scogin, a coworker, Hudson, Fla.

No person is full of the Spirit who isn't humble enough to submit to his brother.

## Testimonies

### Standing For Divine Healing

Dear Evangel readers, I praise God for salvation and His love for me. I praise Him for His wonderful healing power. He healed me of heart trouble in 1931, that I had since 1918. The doctor had given me up but, praise God, He healed me and I have not had a dose of medicine since.

I have six children at home. Everyone stands for divine healing. I have a boy fourteen years old who had yellow jaundice in December. Brothers Williams and Godwin came over and prayed for him. One night we did not think he would live until morning. I prayed for him and asked God to heal him and, praise God, he started getting better. In four or five days he was up and has been getting along fine ever since.

I have a son who is losing his eyesight and the doctor says he has T. B. Everyone please pray that God will heal him and pray for his soul as he is seeking the Lord.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. Martha Boree, 3206 Digan St., Jacksonville, Fla.

### God Can Heal as Well as Save

YORK, S. C.—Last August I had a very bad cough. I do not know what it was but, thank God, I do know God can heal. I sent Brother Rouse a handkerchief and I laid it on my body in Jesus' name. Praise God, He completely healed me of that cough.

Since that I had two very, very bad sores on my leg. I could hardly walk. Everything I put on them made them worse, it seemed. One day Brother Johnnie Childers came to York and he prayed and I was healed of those sores. Praise God for His healing power.

The other week my little girl was sick. I prayed for her and asked God to heal her and the next morning she was well and went to church. We have no church of God in York, we go to Rock Hill where we can hear the whole truth preached and God's children can feel free to worship in Spirit and truth. Thank God for the Church of God.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Cleo Montgomery.

### I Want To Be Faithful

RIVIERA, Fla.—I praise God this afternoon for the one who came here to this world to die for even me. I thank God that His blood still flows over my soul in these dark days. Dear ones, that is my greatest desire—to be faithful to the end. By His help I mean to go thru. I want to be faithful, don't you?

The pressing time is on. If there was ever a time we need to stick together and pray, it's now. I feel like it won't be long. I am glad that I still have the Holy Ghost and a deep determination to press on because I believe the battle will soon be over. Let's work while it is day, for the night is coming when no man can work. What we do must be done quickly.

I really enjoy reading the good sermons and testimonies. They are food to my soul. May God bless every one is my prayer.

Please pray that God will have His way in my life and that I will be faithful unto the end and really be a soul winner for Jesus. Pray for this place that God will undertake and send an old-time revival. If God puts it on your heart to come here, don't go the other way. I am afraid there will be a good many Jonahs at the judgment bar of God for disobedience. Pray for me to be more humble.—One who loves the Lord, Mrs. W. Key.

### Prayer Eased His Pain

HOGANSVILLE, Ga.—I truly praise the Lord for what He is to me and for His healing power. My grandson who is twelve years old stepped on a nail and was in terrible pain. His mother doctored it but he didn't get any ease at all. I said, "Grandmother will pray for you," and praise the Lord, he was easy in a short while.

I have been a member of the Church of God for ten years and to-day finds me still saved. Please pray for me that I will be ready when Jesus comes for His own.—Mrs. M. M. Prince.

Those who are humble enough to submit will not run by many danger signals on the highway of holiness without getting their brakes to work.

## STATE CONVENTIONS

**North Carolina State Convention**  
Charlotte, N. C., May 13-16  
JOHN L. STEPHENS, Overseer

**Illinois State Convention**  
Benton, Ill., May 20-24  
J. L. GOINS, Overseer

**Indiana State Convention**  
Shelburn, Ind., May 22-24  
C. H. STANDIFER, Overseer

**Wyoming State Convention**  
Sheridan, Wyo., May 23-24  
PAUL H. WALKER, Overseer of State.

**Michigan State Convention**  
May 28-31, Detroit, Mich.  
D. G. PHILLIPS, Overseer

**Florida State Camp Meeting**  
June 4-14, Wimauma, Fla.  
E. W. WILLIAMS, Overseer

**Ohio State Convention**  
Akron, Ohio, June 4-7  
E. HAYNES, Overseer

**Tennessee State Convention**  
Cleveland, Tenn., June 19-21  
M. P. CROSS, Overseer

**Northwest Camp Meeting and Convention**  
Minot, N. Dak., June 27-July 5  
PAUL H. WALKER, Overseer

**Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa States Convention**

Pittsburg, Kans., July 10-12  
J. M. SNYDER, Overseer

**Georgia Camp Meeting**  
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## LOVE

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broad, friendly smile? I read once of a whole family being won by a smile. It started this way, a preacher passing by a house smiled at a baby face pressed against a window pane. As time went by more children began to peek thru the window. The preacher kept smiling as he passed by. Finally the mother appeared at the window and she saw that the man carried a Bible under his arm. She knew he must be a preacher. In a little while he stopped and invited them to church and they went. The whole family was saved, won by a smile. If we can't give the world anything but a smile, let's give it. Who knows but what a smile from us might win a soul or a whole family to Christ? Let's give roses and not thorns, smiles and not frowns. Let's give them while the people are living, don't wait till they are dead. I recall a beautiful verse just now that I read once:

*"Give me a rose bud, pink or red;  
I'd rather have just one tonight  
Than ten million when I'm dead."*

Let us strow our flowers, give what we have to give, show our love now for after they are gone, if we cared, if we loved them, will they know? Saints, let us not fail on these things, let us measure up to the standard, measure up to the Bible. I believe the Church of God teaches the highest standard of Christian living, so let us measure up to it. Let us do our very best, let us love one another more, show our love for the sinners for this is the only way we will ever win them for the Lord. We need more winning love and power.

Let us remember some of Paul's writing in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians where he said, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal; and though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains and have not charity I am nothing; and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity (love) it profiteth me nothing." Paul no doubt saw the great need of this divine love to be a successful minister or a successful soul winner. I feel that we as the great Church of God are standing in great need of more love or we will become as Paul said he would unless he had this love.

Saints, let us pray that God will give us more brotherly love and brotherly kindness and pray till He gives it to us so we can show our brothers and sisters we do love them and also the preachers and strangers who come into our midst.

Let us show our own pastors more love and appreciation and hold them up by our prayers. Some find fault with the preaching when I don't suppose they ever pray for the pastor while he is up trying to preach.

Let us love one another more, pray with and for each other more for we need each other's prayers. Let us do our very best for God and His great cause and be ready when Jesus comes. If we love God and His cause and our brothers and sisters as we should, I'm sure we would give more even tho' it does mean a little sacrificing. Let us try our faith and see just how strong in faith we are. Let us give more of our means to this great worthy cause.

It would be good to have the children get into the giving habit so they will grow up that way and won't feel right unless they give and especially for a worthy cause. Let us give more of our means to God and His work for He gives us what we have. He gives us our health, strength, jobs and wages and we should give back to Him what we owe. Let us remember that the Lord loves a cheerful giver and if we give to the Lord, He will surely give it back to us.

I recall at this time an incident that happened to me once when I lived in Chattanooga and belonged to the Nazarene church. Several of the ladies always met in the basement some little time before the usual hour for service each Thursday night. We usually had a song or two then prayer, then took collection and each one most always brought something in the grocery line to give to the ones who were worthy and needed help and the money was given along with the other things when needed. One night some friends took me over as far as Market and Main St. and put me out not far from the church. I just had a \$5.00 bill and as I went out to the church I passed up all the stores, for the devil was along and saying, "Now you saved your carfare over here and you need your money for so many other things, I just wouldn't stop and get anything tonight." I took his advice again, went on down to our little meeting, then the devil said, "Now you saved your carfare and you didn't get anything to bring, now I wouldn't put anything in the collection. You do need other things so badly," so I didn't. Well, I still had my unbroken \$5.00 bill. When I got on the street car I had to give it to the conductor and of course I got back a handful of small change and the car was somewhat crowded and I had to stand up. In some way my purse got upset in trying to put my change in, and I spilled everything I had in it and my change, too. Somebody helped me gather up my things and money and when I got home and counted what I had left, I had lost more than I

thought I was saving by acting stingy for the devil. It doesn't pay to be stingy when it comes to the work of the Lord. So I hope this little suggestion will help us to help others when we can and when we have anything to give, be it ever so small. Remember the widow's mite. Let us show our faith by our works for faith without works is dead.

## EDITORIALS

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attempt some daring experiments. Upon himself the responsibility for failure must fall if Italy does not pull out of the hole. In a dictatorship there are no scapegoats.

Some believe that the real reason for nationalization of the large industries is not Il Duce's plans for the future, but immediate and pressing problems of the present created by the Ethiopian adventure. It is generally agreed that the nationalization of the banks a few weeks ago was done to save them from financial collapse, and it is at least extremely probable that similar motives exist in the case of industries which have been keeping the African war machine going with no pay but government promises.

## "The Power that Worketh in Us"

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the place where you have no pleasure in the gospel of grace, for has God not said that "my spirit will not always strive with man"?

Oh, the untold agony of facing the judgment unprepared. Get ready now before your heart becomes adamant and the Holy Ghost bids you an eternal farewell, then it will be too late to pray for help and for the power of God that is able to-day to transform your life and make you what you ought to be.

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